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**FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD.**

MOUNT VARNON March 23d 1775

DEAR COLO

I Came to this place on fryday Evening and I Should have Com down Sooner But I Never Receved your Drafts till a fews days before I Came down and thinking you Might be gon to the Congrass I thought it advisable to Send them to you by Capt. Rutherford as you Might Meet Mr Lewis there and have the plats Examenid by Lewis your Selfe

I hope you will Excuse My My Not bring down att<sup>1</sup> My acounts and Expenses in Trancating<sup>2</sup> of your bisness over the Mount [mutilated] as it is Not in My power to Setle till I have Som Conversation with your Selfe and then I [mutilated] I am in great hopes Setle Every thing to your Satisfaction as I am informed there has been various Storeys told you In Regard to My Conduct but Had you been on the Spot your Selfe it would have Confused you to [have] heard the Complaints of the distresed poor people that Came to My fort and I frequently Desired of Mr Simson to take the Sarvents and Employ them att worke att your mill [mutilated] and said they would Run away. [a line mutilated] and the Man that Run away I Sent two men after him and found Each of them Horses and Money to Bere there Expenses the one went to baltimore and the other down through virginia which were gon Near three weeks and I Could Not get the axact amount of there expencis but it will be

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verey modest. But I hope to be down Some time in June and I will I hope Setle Every thing to your Satisfaction and as you [have] Ever been a good frend to me and att<sup>3</sup> My familey and am in hopes for your Kiness to Me you Shall Never Sufer as I am fully Convin[c]ed it will be in My power to pay Everey Man I owe one Shilling by Next fall if My Life is Spared if I Cant Reas that Money for fowler I will you may depend deliver My Selfe up to the gaol and Clear you but you May depend without Som unfortenat acidence hapen Me I Shall be able to [mutilated] Considerable Som by fall as I have got So much god Land for Saill that will Comand Money I Should have waited till you Com home but I wanted to get home Emedently and you May depend Everey Esistance in My power I will give to Mr Cleveland in fiting of him out or down the River and when I Com down in June I will bring a State of Every thing I did for you and hope to give you full Satisfaction for Every frendship done for your frend and

Most Hble Sert VAL: CRAWFORD B I have Left your Honour a belt of peace Which I hope you will Receve from yrs V C

1 bringing down all.

2 Transacting.

3 all.